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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003, the due date for response  
being July 23, 2003. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration is  
respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, amended claim 18 is not obvious in view of the teachings of Kuwahara in combination with Vanney. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection based on this combination.

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